Readings and Music for

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026

Flowers given in fond memory of Bill Opelka.

Processional "Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel" *H574*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

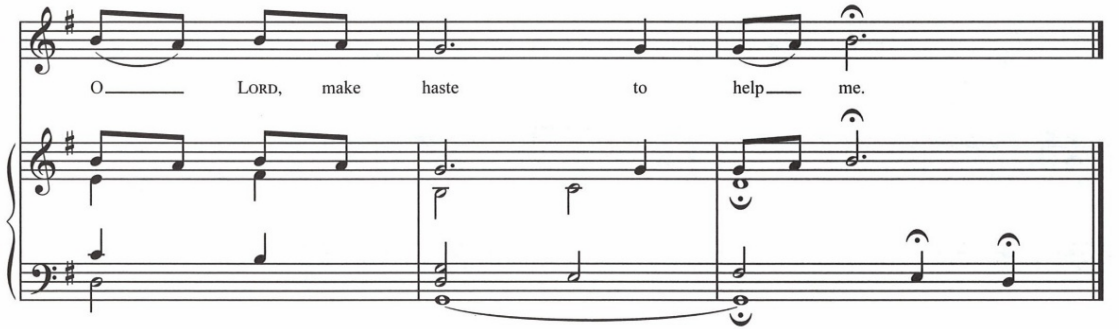
A reading from the Prophet Amos:

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
    Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
    as if someone fled from a lion,
    and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
    and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
    and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
    and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced. [ANT.]

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!" [ANT.]

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry. [ANT.]

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians:

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Sequence "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *H508*

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory "Lo! He Who Comes with Clouds Descending" *H57*

Communion "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *H324*

Recessional "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *H436*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

Today	***Holy Eucharist***	***Church/FB***	***10am***
	Coffee Hour hosted by Cheryl Ryniak	***Leach Hall***	***11:15am***
11/9	***CYMC Meeting***	***Chapel***	***7pm***
11/11-12	***Office Closed***		

- **Parish Office Closed** – The office will be closed November 11th-12th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Hunter on his cell phone.
- **SWIFT Dinner** - The Southwest Interfaith Team (SWIFT) is hosting a dinner on at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Orland Park on November 15th from 5:30PM-7:30PM. It will be an opportunity to share a meal and share perspectives with people of different faith traditions. If you are interested, talk to Carrie Scott to purchase tickets.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social** – Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Eve eucharist and pie social. Join us on November 25th at 7PM for a simple eucharist followed by a pie social in Leach Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a pie if you are able, homemade or store bought is fine.

- **2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign: A Firm Foundation** – From now until the beginning of Advent, we are running our annual stewardship campaign. This is a time when we ask folks to discern how they can help further the mission of the parish. Obviously, a big component of this is financial; however, we understand that everyone's finances are unique. There are many ways to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. Beyond just financial support, we can also give of our time and our talent.

  This year's theme is A Firm Foundation. This theme has two meanings: First, as our daycare continues to bounce back from a long season of challenges and transition, we want to make sure the parish itself is the firm foundation upon which all our other ministries, including the daycare, are built. Second, and more importantly, this theme highlights that Christ should be the foundation of all that we do here. Our commitment to Jesus and his teachings should inform how and why we give, and it should inform how the parish uses your generous gifts to serve others for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

  Most of you have probably received a stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail by now; although, if you are newer, we may not have sent you one. We respect that when people are new to a parish, they are often still feeling it out and may not be ready to take a step like pledging. If for any reason, you did not get a stewardship letter and pledge card, we have some in the back of the sanctuary, which you are welcome to grab if you wish.

  Please return pledge cards to us by November 29th. This helps us put together the budget using actual numbers and helps us to practice wisdom and discernment with the gifts you have entrusted to us. If you prefer to do things digitally, you can fill out an online pledge form using the QR code below.



Online Pledge Form

- **St. Nicholas Day Christmas Caroling.** He is coming Dec. 6th! After his visit to church and coffee hour, we will be going to Christmas Carol at the homes of our homebound parishioners. We will carpool from the church parking lot around noon. If you have a larger vehicle and can accommodate a few extra carolers, please sign up on the driver section of the sign-up sheet. Directions will be provided. We will have sandwiches and chips for those traveling to local homes. We expect it will take about 2 1/2 hour, and then, we will return to church. All singers are welcome to sign up! Please wear your Christmas hats and dress warmly. If you can only come for part of the route, that's fine. See you then!

- **Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM**. All are welcome to a fun evening of Christmas cheer! Please bring 5 dozen cookies and a container to collect your cookies. The exchange cookies may have nuts. You **do not** have to bring cookies to exchange to attend. We will have a simmer pot craft, games, music, raffles, punch and snacks to share. If you bring a snack, it must be nut free. We will fill bags with candy for the Beds Plus program, too. This is a great time to invite a friend to visit and enjoy our Transfiguration fellowship. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. Questions? Please ask Bea Hiznay or Dee Wagner.

Online Giving:



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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM
Priest's Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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